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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Jörg Beilharz et al.  
Serial Number: Unassigned  
Filed: June 14, 2006  
Group Art: Unassigned  
Examiner: Unassigned  
Title: **METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A VALVE AND  
METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A PUMP/NOZZLE  
DEVICE WITH A VALVE**

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Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial review of this national stage application referenced above by Jörg Beilharz et al. entitled "METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A VALVE AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A PUMP/NOZZLE DEVICE WITH A VALVE" filed June 14, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.